

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-14 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 15-20 have been newly added. Claims 6 and 13 have been canceled.

Claims 1-4 and 8-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chuah et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,409,722, Chuah hereafter). Applicants respectfully note that claims 4 and 11 were canceled in the April 11, 2005 Amendment.

Again, Applicants note for the record that Chuah et al. is U.S. Patent No. 6,400,722 and not the cited 6,409,722. Claims 5 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chuah in view of Akhtar et al. Claims 6 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chuah and Akhtar et al., and further in view of Voit et al. Claims 7 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chuah in view of Amos.

Solely to advance prosecution of particular embodiments of the present invention, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 8 to recite a feature whereby “said AAAL device automatically identifies a lower-charge communication network based on said charge information to determine whether a position registration request for said mobile terminal should be allowed or not.”

In the present invention, an AAAL determines the possibility of a connection with respect to a mobile terminal and network. That is, as explained from page 17, line 22 to page 18, line 14 of the present specification, the mobile terminal proposes its ordinary charge to an AAAL. Then,

the AAAL permits the connection if the ordinary charge is less expensive than other network charges.

This feature is not shown any of the cited art. Chuah only discloses at col. 2, lines 5-32 that V/IP will be one service offered by internet service providers. This generic description by itself would not suggest a motivation for automatically identifying a *lower-charge* communication network. Further, there is no judgment about the possibility of connection. Voit et al., as cited by the Examiner discloses general routing of Internet telephone calls routing, and not in the context of a network/ AAAL device at all. In addition, the connections in Chuah, as discussed above, are based on subscriber relationships. This individual, one-to-one connection among networks teaches away from identifying a lower-charge communication network.

New Claims 15-20:

New dependent claims 15-18 recite features of the Home Agent, Foreign Agent, and AAAH previously recited in independent claims 1 and 8 before amendment, and claim 4 (canceled in the April 11, 2005 Amendment). Claims 19 and 20 define a communication system and a method for negotiating communication between a mobile terminal and a plurality of communication networks, wherein charge information is added to the position registration request when determining whether a position registration request should be allowed.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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